

Fire tax gains momentum

Jack Durham
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ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT – In an effort to maintain staffing and prevent the possible closure of the Mad River Station, the Arcata Fire District will likely ask voters to pass a special property tax on Nov. 6. If that measure fails, the district may pursue a benefit assessment next spring.

If either the special tax or benefit assessment passes, homeowners in McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside and Manila could see their taxes go up by more than \$100 a year.

The two-pronged effort to raise funds for the district was discussed July 17 by the AFD Board of Directors, which voiced support for the tax increase. Now AFD staff will need to scramble to determine the exact amount of the proposed tax and write the text of the measure so the board can consider it at a meeting on Wednesday, Aug 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Arcata Fire Station, 631 Ninth St.

The district faces a tight deadline. To get the tax on the Nov. 6 ballot, AFD needs to submit the measure to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors no later than Aug. 10.

Although the board has yet to decide the exact amount of the tax, AFD Fire Chief Justin McDonald said that the tax needs to generate at least \$2 million a year to maintain current staffing and keep up with rising expenses.

A special tax would charge property owners

FIRE TAX ❖ A8



Justin McDonald

Council redesigns ‘Village’ from dais

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – An initially divided City Council found common ground on some transformative conditions for The Village student housing project last Wednesday

night, keeping the proposed development alive until at least Aug. 15, when it could be further considered. But that depends on whether the developer thinks he can afford the changes.

Numerous speakers at the

council meeting, including Humboldt State officials, the applicant and multiple citizens addressed the council, with opinions mixed.

Some speakers described The Village as a desperately needed project to address

homelessness, relieve student housing insecurity and support Humboldt State.

Others described The Village a dangerous, disruptive and potentially disastrous “land grab,” of inappropriate scale and composition that could be made even more dense and impactful after approval.

The council appeared poised for a deadlock on the project, with Mayor Sofia Pereira in favor pending some new conditions, including installation of a small store on the site that sells vegetables, and some say of ensuring that the city wouldn’t lose property tax revenue. Councilmember Paul Pitino was also favorable toward the project if a sidewalk could be added along Eye Street.

Councilmember Susan Ornelas opposed the project for the limited housing mix, the scale and impacts on neighboring subdivisions. She wanted more options, such as 100 two-bedroom apartments in which student couples and families might dwell.

Councilmember Brett Watson also wanted more diverse housing, saying he didn’t want students viewed as a mere economic resource. He said the process under which The Village had been developed was inconsistent with the city’s infill process.

THE VILLAGE ❖ A3



FUN AT THE BALL PARK What a fun weekend at the Arcata Ball Park. Top left, fans enjoyed Pirate Night on Friday. Above, everyone sported a stache Saturday for Mustache Night. Left, Crab Kellen Strahm is caught attempting to steal second base against the Ventura County Pirates on Friday. For more about the Crabs, see page A4. **MATT FILAR | UNION**

Ordinance targets reckless shooting

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Driven by unsafe firearm use on river bars and other public areas, the county’s Board of Supervisors has advanced an ordinance that bans target shooting outside of private properties.

Supervisors approved the introduction of the ordinance at their July 10 meet-

ing. The ordinance doesn’t apply to lawful hunting and prohibits target shooting at beaches, dunes, river bars and other public areas.

Also prohibited is shooting within a half-mile of any highway. The penalty for violating the new law is a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in county jail.

The ordinance does allow target shoot-

ing in public areas under “safe shooting standards” that include firing exclusively toward 20-foot tall earthen backdrops.

Sheriff’s Office Lt. Mike Fridley said the county already has an ordinance prohibiting firearm use in the Mad River area from Hammond Bridge downstream and the new one is crafted from it.

Fridley told supervisors that the ordi-

nance’s emergence is directly related to unsafe conditions in the Fernbridge river bar area. But Fernbridge isn’t the only area dealing with the issue.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell said she’s also received complaints about it. “We’re talking about a recent phenomenon and people who do not know how to live rurally and respect their neighbors,” she continued. “It’s unfortunate that we have to do this because it’s takes away some of the

SHOOTING ❖ A2

Dungeness season saw strong catch



GOOD SEASON Despite a rocky start, the crab season turned out well for the Humboldt Bay fleet.

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HUMBOLDT – The North Coast’s commercial Dungeness crab season was affected by delays due to meat quality issues and price negotiations but the catch soared as soon as fishing began.

The season ended July 15 and the northern region from the Fort Bragg area to the Oregon border accounted for 14 million pounds of the state’s 19-million-pound total through June. The northern area accounted for \$42 million of the state’s total ex-vessel (off-the-boat) landings value of \$64 million.

Last year’s season saw a statewide total value of \$72 million, about evenly split between the north and central

regions.

This season, most of the northern area’s catch was gained in February, when delayed crabbing began.

The northern season’s Dec. 1 opening was delayed until Jan. 15, when crabs were determined to have met a 25 percent meat to total weight ratio standard.

Negotiations between fishermen and processors led to further delay but high ocean swells would have prevented the start of crabbing anyway.

Catches were robust when crabbers began pulling pots on Feb. 5, however. Harrison Ibach, president of the Humboldt Fishermen’s Marketing Association, reflected on the season.

“There were a lot of variables that

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Doug Floraday
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It's a mixed deal. It's not a recession yet; I call it a malaise. Cannabis is not as productive as people thought it would be, but health care is growing.



Ceva Courtemanche
Hensel's Ace Hardware
We are as busy as ever and thankful for the support of our customers. When I look around, Arcata isn't a dull place. I see new restaurants and other new developments popping up and people are walking around buying things. The food culture here also draws people.



AJ Gonzales
Umpqua Bank
Businesses keep opening and growing. It seems like a supportive atmosphere - the Creamery and Marsh Districts are growing. Recently, I've done loans for some local businesses. Outlook optimistic



Sara Novak
Humboldt Sun Growers Guild
Coming from the cannabis industry we have seen many highs and lows in the past year of how our business is able to operate with state regulations. The City of Arcata has supported us through these shifts and since moving to Arcata we have been able to grow in size on all levels.



Jeff Pauli
Pauli-Shaw Insurance
I'm bullish on our economy as a whole. I speak with a wide variety of business owners frequently and the overall outlook is positive. Although optimistic, I think utilizing our deep water port and finding a use for our abundance of water would help strengthen our position.



Katherine Almy
Solutions for Small Business
While I don't necessarily know what it's like for all businesses in Arcata, I do know that I keep very busy helping small business owners with their bookkeeping and accounting. Clearly, they are keeping busy, too.



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VISION FOR A WORKING PORT The guest speaker for this month's Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group luncheon will be presenting a "Vision of the Port of Humboldt Bay as a working, international shipping port," according to a press release, The luncheon is today, July 25 with a no-host lunch at noon and the presentation at 12:30 at the Samoa Cookhouse in Samoa. The speaker, Mike Marsden, is with Pacific Northwest Railroad (PNR). "The group has identified existing markets that would move their containerized shipments through our Port rather than other Ports," the press release state. At the Harbor Working Group's last luncheon in June, Marsden gave an overview of what that portion of containerized goods might be. He said that the Port of Humboldt Bay is an ideal location for handling a portion of the containerized goods now going through the Port of Oakland. Oakland is the seventh busiest container port in the United States. It handles more than 99 percent of the containerized goods moving through Northern California, and three-quarters of that trade is with Asia. Marsden's group has formulated a plan for renovating the Port of Humboldt Bay into a modern international shipping port to meet this need. Marsden will present this plan and answer questions about it. This presentation is the fourth in a series on "The Development of the Port of Humboldt Bay as an International Seaport." The next few Luncheons will continue to be dedicated to envisioning our Harbor as an international seaport. Barbecued ribs will be served for lunch at \$16 and soup and salad is available for \$12. Charles.Bean@Yahoo.com

Shooting | 'It's very unsettling to hear a bullet fly over your head'

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freedom that people have been able to enjoy but it's addressing a real need." Speaking as a citizen during a public comment session, county Public Works Director and Alton resident Tom Mattson supported the ordinance, saying, "It's very unsettling to hear a bullet fly by your head while you're walking your dog along the river."

Several Fernbridge-area ranchers said they and their employees have been dealing with the dangers of being exposed to stray bullets. No one spoke in opposition to the ordinance. "Thank you guys for your patience on this," Supervisor Rex Bohn told the ordinance's supporters. "A few bad apples create a lot of problems for the people that

aren't." Supervisor Mike Wilson suggested that the ordinance should be more comprehensive. "We do have constituents – at least I do – that are concerned about neighbors discharging firearms in an unsafe manner and this seems to just address it on public property," he said. He recommended expanding the ordi-

nance to include target shooting on private property that endangers neighbors. "You can call the Sheriff's Office if you think your neighbor's shooting in an unsafe manner and we'll come out – I've been to many of those calls," Fridley said. Saying that the new law is "a good first step," Wilson joined a unanimous vote to introduce the ordinance. It was scheduled for adoption the board's July 24 meeting.

Crabbing | Crescent City fleet was top performer for region

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went into actually getting the season going," he said. "If someone was to write a book, they couldn't come up with everything that we had to deal with." He added, "But once we ended up going, the fishing was

good." To keep within maximum processing capacity, the area's seafood buyers set landings limits. "They basically tell each boat how much they are allowed to bring in to sell," Ibach said. "So even though there was a decent biomass of crab, people were very limited." Crescent City was the region's top-performing port, with its landings yielding about \$22 million in total value.

Eureka's total value amounted to \$13.3 million. Trinidad's total value was \$2.5 million and Fort Bragg's was \$4.8 million. Catch volume differences between the central and northern regions are common and tend to be cyclical. Christy Juhasz, a California Department of Fish and Wildlife environmental scientist, described a pattern that was seen in past years and repeated in the season that just ended.

"As we saw with the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons, those two seasons also had delays until Jan. 15 and we saw some significant landings in the north," she said. "It's been generally believed that the delay in the crab filling out may be due to the fact that there's resource allocation issues – the crab population is large and that could be contributing to this late filling out of crab and then once the season opens, there are a lot more available to the industry." The out-of-the-gate surge in landings is common. Juhasz said 80 to 90 percent of a season's catch is gained within its first six to eight weeks. The central/north region variances alternate, as the central region saw record landings several years ago. The strength of the last two Dungeness seasons is helping fishermen recover from the 2015 to 2016 season, which was drastically delayed and declared a fishery disaster. The static mass of warm ocean water that came to be known as The Blob promoted the spread of domoic acid, a naturally-occurring toxin that curtailed the season. A federal disaster relief payout of \$25.8 million has been approved and includes relief funding for the much smaller commercial rock crab fishery. The process of dispersing the money is beginning and was outlined in a July 18 teleconference webinar between federal and state officials and the fishing industry. Fishermen will be entitled to relief payments based on a variety of factors, potentially including their catch histories.

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McKinley statue arguments set

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ARCATA – Official arguments for and against Measure M, the Nov. 6 ballot measure which will decide the fate of the state of William McKinley on the Arcata Plaza, have been filed with the City of Arcata (*see below*).

The City Council voted Feb. 21 to remove the statue based on objections by the Wiyot Tribe and others to the actions of President McKinley. Other community members subsequently mounted a successful petition drive to place a measure counteracting the council’s action on the ballot.

The argument in support of Measure M, signed by petitioners David LaRue and Stanton Reynolds, bases its case on McKinley’s public service, civil rights initiatives, the cost of removal and the statue’s historical significance.

The argument in opposition is signed by City Councilmember Paul Pitino; Nathaniel A. McGuigan, co-chair of M.E.Ch.A. de Humboldt State University Chapter; Emely Velez, lead organizer, Centro del Pueblo; Sharrone Blanck, president, NAACP Eureka Branch; and Robert J. Hepburn, coordinating committee member, Veterans for Peace, Inc., Chapter 56.

Argument in favor of Measure M

We honor the World War 2 generation as the “Greatest Generation”, who saved our world from Nazi and fascist totalitarianism. The citizens of President McKinley’s time, honored Civil War veterans as their “Greatest Generation” who saved our country and freed black citizens from slavery.

McKinley was a dedicated abolitionist and enlisted in the Union Army to fight slavery. He was the last Civil War veteran to serve as President, a strong advocate for the voting rights of black citizens and appointed many Blacks to federal positions.

McKinley was popular and well respected. His actions ended a painful eco-

nomic depression. In 1898, he reluctantly signed a Congressional war declaration to end Spanish oppression in Cuba. His assassination in 1901 shocked the nation. In its wake, citizens in many cities throughout the U.S., including Arcata, erected statues in his honor.

Arcata estimates total cost to remove the statue at \$65,000. Some Eastern cities have incurred actual costs up to \$500,000 per statue, substantial overruns from initial estimates. Statue removal advocates claim donations will cover all costs. We say, “Show Us the Money!”

To some in our area, the McKinley statue is a symbol of harm and displacement against Native

Americans. We also deplore those acts. However, those harms attributed to President McKinley, overwhelmingly occurred years before he was President.

The McKinley statue has stood watch over our plaza since July 4th, 1906. President McKinley was highly honored in his time, both for his service in the Civil War and as an effective, progressive and enlightened leader.

Removing Presidential statues is a dangerous path to start down. No President is safe. Rather than tearing down and erasing history, add to it and improve our understanding of its historic context.

Vote “Yes” on M Keep our statue! Honor our histories!

Argument against Measure M

Vote NO on Measure M. The McKinley statue does not belong as the centerpiece of the Arcata Plaza, the same place that served as the auction site for enslaved Indigenous children, women, and men; and for the collection of state bounties for Indigenous body parts during the mid to late 1800s. In October 2016, the City of Arcata recognized that it was founded and is built upon lands first inhabited by the Wiyot People and thus adopted the Indigenous Peoples’ Day Proclamation which states:

“Whereas the City of Arcata is dedicated to opposing systemic racism towards all people including Indigenous People in the United States; and

Whereas the City of Arcata understands that all government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experi-

ences of American Indian People and uplift our country’s indigenous roots, history and contributions.”

McKinley represents the belief in Manifest Destiny that was used to justify the dispossession, enslavement, and genocide of the Indigenous Peoples of this continent and abroad. McKinley presided over the imperialistic colonization of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Guam, the Philippine Islands, and Hawai’i. William McKinley’s policies led to the loss of land rights, court, and governments of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole Nations.

On February 12th, 2018 the Wiyot Tribal Council voted to have the McKinley statue removed. After months of public input and research, on February 21st, 2018, the Arcata City Council voted 4 to 1 to remove the McKinley statue.

The Arcata Plaza is the

heart of our community where Indigenous Peoples and people of color are constantly reminded of the symbolism that the statue represents. Vote for compassion, empathy, respect, and dignity for the Indigenous community member and their relatives. Stand with Indigenous Peoples. Vote NO on Measure M.

The Village

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Just when the project looked all but doomed, a breakthrough came about when project representative David Moon described a partnership agreement used at another campus housing project under which the tax stream could continue.

Ornelas said she liked that, and wanted to continue discussion on the project rather than kill it with a tied vote.

City Manager Karen Diemer suggested compiling all the conditions for further talks with the applicant to see if there was a possibility of satisfying everyone’s concerns.

Negotiable conditions set by the council included the three-way tax agreement between the developer, Humboldt State and the city, retaining both the tax stream and city influence on the project; pay Arcata Fire District assessments; a ceiling of 602 students in perpetuity; the food store; and the Eye Street sidewalk.

Moon said he was amenable to discussing the conditions, but would have to ensure that they are economically viable.

With that, the council voted to carry the matter over to its Aug. 15 meeting.

Moon didn’t offer any comment on the meeting. Arcata Citizens for Responsible Housing Co-Director Erik Jules said, “We really look forward to seeing what specific criteria the council comes up with, and what sort of alternative proposal AM-CAL comes back with. I thought the city manager had a great suggestion at the meeting: that the council make sure they have specific ‘boxes’ or criteria they’d need to see met.”



LOTS OF INTEREST Humboldt State’s CEQA hearing at the D Street Neighborhood Center. K LH | UNION

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ARCATA – Humboldt State is creating an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required for demolishing the old Trinity Hospital. It would be replaced by an 83-space parking lot with about 13,000 square feet of greenspace along the west and south sides of the parking lot, a bus shelter, benches, bicycle parking and a bike repair station.

A scoping meeting on possible project alternatives, required for the EIR’s Initial Study, was held July 11 at the D Street Neighborhood Center.

As explained by HSU presenters Michael Fisher, associate director of Planning, Design & Construction, and George Dix, senior environmental planner/project manager of Rincon Consultants, Inc. (responsible for drafting the Initial Study, and the Draft/Final Environmental Impact Report), the old hospital is all but irredeemable – riddled with asbestos and lead paint, and collapsing.

Though unhappy with parking in their neighborhood, area residents in attendance weren’t enthused about the project. Some said it would draw in more vehicles, though the presenters said those cars are already hunting for parking in the area. A parking study is in progress.

A few attendees pointed to the recently disclosed email dialogue between HSU and developers of The Village, saying they didn’t trust the university. Some suggested that housing should be created at the site, possibly tiny houses to alleviate homelessness.

Resident Bob Doran wondered why the old hospital, unused since 2008, had been allowed to deteriorate. He was told that limited maintenance resources had to be used in keeping Founders Hall safe for students.

Resident Jeff Sterling asked whether, in the face of the attendees’ skepticism, the university planned to continue with the project. But that decision was outside the scope of the meeting, which was only intended to gather comment for the EIR.

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HUMBOLDT CRABS

A surprise first pitch

Most of us like to be surprised by someone we love. Whether it is flowers or candy or just a kind gesture such as washing the car or early morning coffee in bed.

But Erin Nowell of Franklin, Virginia got a much bigger surprise from her husband, Scott Bryant.

The two were vacationing in California, visiting Bryant's former home and places that he had loved as a child. One memory he had was of throwing out the first pitch at a Crabs game when he was five years old.

When they pulled into the parking lot to attend a Crabs game on July 11 Bryant told his wife that she would be the one throwing out the first pitch in that evening's game.

He had emailed the Crabs organization several weeks before but had kept the secret.

Now that's a surprise.

I asked Nowell if she had played softball. Her answer was a nervous, "many, many, years ago."

Still she was game to try. A Crabs staffer told her, "it's time," and Nowell adjusted her Crabs hat and looked brave.

"She wanted to see all my hometown stuff," Bryant said as Nowell walked out onto the field.

Bryant grew up in the Bay Area but his family drove to Oregon often, always stopping for a Crabs game. He served in the U.S. Marines for 12 active years, five reserve years, with tours in Japan, Hungary and England. The couple met in Virginia and have been together five years. He works in a diesel repair shop and she works in a marine transmission repair shop. They're baseball fans.

"We go to the Norfolk Tides all the time," Bryant said. "And we like the Peninsula Pilots. That's a team of college players who use wooden bats."

And it wasn't the first surprise of the trip. "When we went to the Alameda County Fair we watched a horse race that had been named for us both," Nowell said.

"They call us Belle and the Beast," Bryant joked.

Nowell threw the pitch and walked back to the dugout area where she got a congratulatory hug and a kiss from Bryant. What a vacation!



CUPID'S ARROW Erin Nowell and Scott Bryant kiss. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION



VETERANS AT THE BALL PARK



JAMES NOWELL, that indispensable man at the beer booth, served four years in the United States Navy on the USS Memphis, the second oldest submarine on the Eastern Seaboard. "I loved the experience," he said. Nowell's father served in the Navy in Vietnam and his grandfathers served in World War II, in the Army and in the Navy.



DOUG NITSCH served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War as a staff sergeant. He served "three years, one month, and one day." He said, "I met some great people and I still remember their names." When he came home, he spent the next 32 years teaching at Cutten, Sunset, Sunny Brae, Manila and Bloomfield Schools.



JOHN BURKE, a Crabs board member, served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969, on two ships and on shore duty. "I had my 18th and 20th birthdays in Vietnam," he said. After a career with the San Jose and Santa Rosa police departments, Burke moved to Humboldt County where his wife is from. His two daughters have been on the Crabs staff as well.



TEDDY CASSELLA had a frontrow seat on the third base line. He served in the United States Navy on the Great Lakes. He has lived in Eureka since 1991.

The Humboldt Crabs recently honored veterans at the ball park. Here are some of their stories.

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Pirates put up fight, but Crabs sweep the weekend

Richard LaPreziosa
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Coming off their roughest stretch of the season after losing three of their last four games, the Crabs opened up another series at home Friday night against the Ventura County Pirates and looked to get back to their winning ways.

The Pirates would make some noise against the Crabs pitching, but by Sunday afternoon it was back to business as usual for the Crabs and their fans as Humboldt earned another series sweep.

The Pirates went tit-for-tat with the Crabs in the series opener over the first 6 innings and got four runs off Crabs lefty Zach Wallace (one earned.) But Wallace outlasted them in his seven-inning outing and let his bullpen and offense pick him up to help get the win.

Leading off the sixth inning, right fielder Otis Statum

hit a solo home run to give the Crabs a 5-4 lead which would be the deciding run.

With Justin Berry and Jack Enger coming on in relief, Humboldt gave up two more runs, but the Crabs scored three of their own in the seventh inning to outpace them on their way to the 9-6 victory.

The Pirates would score runs in four of the nine innings on Saturday, but only one at a time as the Crabs were putting up runs in bulk. They scored four runs in both the second and sixth innings, amassing ten hits in the game.



JOY OF VICTORY Crab Kokko Figueiredo reacts after scoring against the Pirates on Friday. MATT FILAR | UNION

Humboldt got another strong performance from the bullpen as starter Jared Milch curiously left the game in the third inning after giving up zero runs and only two hits.

"He was having some arm fatigue and we didn't want to push it," Manager Robin Guiver would say, adding, "I think he should be fine."

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Humboldt State to end football program after 2018 season

Andrew R Goetz
HSU ATHLETICS

HSU – Humboldt State University will discontinue its football program after the upcoming 2018 season. The move was announced last week, after coaches and players were informed.

President Lisa Rossbacher described it as an unfortunate, but necessary, step in addressing the University’s structural deficit and protecting HSU’s core academic mission. She also emphasized her commitment to HSU’s Athletics Program remaining in Division II of the NCAA and said that the timing of the announcement would provide football student-athletes maximum opportunity to consider future options.

Discontinuing football will bring a conclusion to a program that began shortly after the University’s founding and which has enjoyed many successes. It has had stand-out stars and some players, most recently Alex Cappa, made the leap to the professional level. Games at the Redwood Bowl have been highlighted by a strong community atmosphere.

“Our football team has been an important source of pride for our students, staff, and alumni, as well as our regional community,” President Rossbacher said. “Sadly, and despite a tremendous fund drive effort, we found that football cannot be sustained through student fees and community giving. At the same time, the University cannot continue to subsidize budget deficits in Athletics without threatening our academic programs.”

The announcement was consistent with President Rossbacher’s decision last fall that the football program could only continue with significant private support.

A fund drive, led by a passionate group of boosters, showed some promise that the program could be funded through community support and additional University investment. A goal of \$500,000 in “net new” private support by January of each year was established, with HSU committing to match. However, even with the timeline extended through June, the total amount collected was \$329,000.

“I want to extend my sincerest thanks to members of the community who led the fund drive and everyone who offered their financial support,” President Rossbacher said. “I believe the fund drive demonstrates that this decision did not come quickly or lightly, as we considered many factors and evaluated various alternatives. Ultimately, we had to halt the growing budget deficits in Athletics and prevent these deficits from threatening our core academic mission, as well as preserving our Division II standing and conference affiliations.”

Coaches and players were informed shortly before the announcement was public.

HSU will honor scholarships for eligible players through the 2018-19 academic year, and coaches and staff will also help players contact other programs. At the end of the season, players will get a full release, which means they could choose to play at another institution. In most cases, they could choose to compete for HSU this year, and then transfer and compete for another institution next year.

The players are being offered academic and financial advising, and they will be able to utilize the tutoring and other support services offered through Intercollegiate Athletics for as long as they’re students at HSU.

“I trust the consultative and analytical process that President Rossbacher undertook in coming to this conclusion, and I fully support her in making this difficult but necessary choice,” said CSU Chancellor Timothy White. “I understand the benefits that participating in athletics provides to our student athletes and unfortunately, while this outcome is fiscally prudent, it will be unpopular in some circles. As HSU president, she is tasked with making decisions that are in the best long-term interest of the core mission of the entire university, and this is one such decision.”

The decision to discontinue football was driven by budget challenges at the University level and deficits within the Athletics Department. HSU is in the midst of a two-year effort to reduce spending by \$9 million and achieve a balanced budget by the

2020-21 academic year.

Within Athletics, football is the most expensive program, with a net cost of about \$1 million. Last year, the University covered a deficit in Athletics that had reached \$750,000, up from \$250,000 three years ago. This is consistent with national trends. According to studies conducted by the NCAA, expenses in university athletics programs have grown more quickly than university-wide expenses overall. At HSU, the rate of cost increases in the Athletics Department has been roughly double that of the University.

In addition to football’s high net cost to the University, HSU is required to have 10 sports to remain eligible for NCAA Division II competition.

To remain in the CCAA, HSU’s primary conference, the 10 sports are required to be chosen from a specified list, and football is not included on that list.

After football is discontinued, HSU’s athletics program will include 11 sports: men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s track & field, crew, softball, and volleyball.

MCKINLEYVILLE DISTRICT ELECTION Three seats are up for grabs Nov. 6 on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors. Those seats, representing a board majority, are held by David Couch, George Wheeler and Dennis Mayo. To run for the four-year seats, candidates must be registered voters living within the boundaries of the MCSD. Declaration of candidacy forms are now available from the Humboldt County Office of Elections and will be accepted no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. If any of the incumbents fail to sign up, the deadline will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15. The MCSD oversees sewer, water, streetlights, open space maintenance, parks and recreation in the unincorporated community.

MCKINLEYVILLE MEETING The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will hear reports from the Arcata Fire District and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office at its meeting today, July 25 starting at 6 p.m. the McKinleyville Middle School Conference Center at 2275 Central Ave. The committee will also discuss protecting the Mad River and a proposed dog ordinance. The Humboldt County Public Health Department will give a presentation on needle exchange programs.

MANILA DISTRICT ELECTION Two seats are up for grabs Nov. 6 on the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors. Those seats are held by Dendra Dengler and John Woolley. To run for the four-year seats, candidates must be registered voters living within the boundaries of the Manila Community Services District. Declaration of candidacy forms are now available from the Humboldt County Office of Elections and will be accepted no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. If any of the incumbents fail to sign up, the deadline will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15. The Manila CSD oversees sewer, water and parks in the sandy outpost.

Crabs | To face the mighty Capitalists

❖ **FROM A4**

Jonathan Stroman and Ryan Sullivan would pitch the rest of the game and allow only three more hits as the Crabs won another one 9-4.

The Pirates would score eight runs in Sunday afternoon’s game but would still come up short. They put up 16 hits over the game and must have been wondering what they had to do to beat these guys. The answer would be not give up 11 runs.

The Crabs started out with a bang in the first inning, putting up three runs and it looked like it would be another easy romp at the Arcata Ball Park. Right fielder Connor Blair hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to give his team and 11-3 lead

But the Pirates showed some fight and made a game out of it over the later innings. They got one in the seventh and another four in the eighth, but relief pitcher Justin Berry was able to shut the door and

the Crabs won 11-8 and notched yet another series sweep.

The Crabs will host the Redding Ringtails for a mid-week series before the dreaded Pacific Union Financial Capitalists return for a three-game series starting Friday night.

The Financial Capitalists recently beat the Crabs. Not only that, they beat them two out of three! They’re a talented young team of feisty characters whom I’m sure will make for an interesting weekend as the Crabs try and exact their revenge.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Schedule vaccines for coming school year

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DHHS

HUMBOLDT – The start of the new school year may feel far away, but it’s not too early to schedule an appointment for back-to-school vaccines.

In 2016, a state mandate went into effect that requires all children entering transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and seventh grade be vaccinated, or in the process of being vaccinated, against measles, mumps, whooping cough and other diseases.

Children in child care settings must also be immunized. In the rare instance when a child has a compromised immune system, that child’s physician can provide a medical exemption.

During the 2016-17 school year, the prevalence of fully vaccinated Humboldt County kindergarteners increased 5 percent from the year before, and the upward trend continued during the 2017-18 school year, increasing 2 percent from the previous year.

“Vaccines provide protection from serious diseases that can be spread throughout the classroom and the community—including to babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions,” said Michele Stephens, director of Public Health for the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services.

Stephens said most serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, like measles and polio, are rare in the United States because of childhood vaccines. However, many still exist here and abroad. “These diseases can make children very sick, leading to missed school, missed work for parents and even hospitalization. Protecting our children against vaccine-preventable diseases is a precaution every parent can take.”

Vaccines are available from clinics and other local health care providers. For more information about immunizations, contact the Public Health Clinic at (707) 268-2108. Parents can find out more about the recommended immunization schedule at shotsforschool.org.

New phone scam pretends to be court

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County Superior Court has recently received several calls from the public notifying us that they have received calls from persons identifying themselves as court employees and demanding payment for a fine, “by the end of the day to avoid a much larger claim amount in court.” Some callers have actually referenced Social Security numbers and other accurate personal information.

Please be advised that Court staff mails all correspondence to the public, which includes case information, upcoming court dates, including fine information, and do not call parties and request payments over the phone, Social Security numbers, or other personal information. The Clerk’s Office phone number is (707) 445-7256 and is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns related to your case, please call during business hours.

Email and phone scams are widespread throughout the United States, several of which falsely claim that the intended victims have court cases or other legal issues pending, and must pay fines, and/or provide personal information in order to avoid additional fines/fees. Anyone who receives a phone call or email from someone demanding payment for a court fine or warrant should report it immediately to your local law enforcement agency. Please see helpful information on the Federal Trade Commission’s website related to phone scams at consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams.

If the caller also references your Social Security number, please refer to the Social Security’s Identity Theft publication at ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf or contact your local Social Security office and report it.

Killoran to be sworn

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Lawrence M. Killoran was elected Superior Court Judge on June 5. He will replace the vacancy created when Judge Dale A. Reinholtsen retires at the end of this year. In the interim, Killoran will be appointed commissioner until he is sworn in as judge serving in a criminal assignment on Jan. 2, 2019.

Mr. Killoran attended San Jose State University, graduating in 1997 with a BA degree in History, Cum Laude. He then attended Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, graduating in 2000. Following law school, Killoran moved to Humboldt County working in the criminal defense firm of Russell Clanton and Associates in Arcata for three years. In January 2004, he moved to the general practice law firm of Scott, Robinson, and Killoran in Eureka and has been there for the last 14 years. He has been married to his wife, Pam, for over 24 years and together they have three children.

“I am honored and excited to be appointed as the interim Commissioner of the Court. I look forward to getting to better know the courthouse staff and my new colleagues, and am I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Humboldt County in this capacity,” commented Killoran.

“As we plan for the future and with all of the transitions we have had with our Bench in the last year, I am happy to have Judge Elect Lawrence Killoran join us now as our Commissioner at this time,” stated Presiding Judge Joyce Hinrichs.

Plea deal, probation settle Cole cruelty case

Counseling, ban on pet ownership, no Co-op

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The long-running animal cruelty case involving Charles Wesley Cole is over – for now, and as long as he behaves.

According to a press release from the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office, Cole, 59, of Arcata pled guilty to a charge of vandalizing the Arcata Co-op on Nov. 6, 2015. Terms of his sentence include three years probation, and he has to stay away from the Arcata Co-op as well as the clerk he’d thrown coffee at before vandalizing a Co-op van.

Cole must also comply with all conditions of the mental health counseling he is receiving.

Key to the plea deal are two demands made by local animal welfare activists: Cole may no longer possess any animals and cannot seek return of the dog, Mr. Know Buddy, he was



Charles Wesley Cole



Mr. Know Buddy

charged with abusing. The black Lab has been renamed Jackpot and rehomed in the Bay Area.

Continues the DA’s Office press release, “the last sentencing terms above relate to an animal abuse charge that originated from Mr. Cole’s actions on Jan. 14, 2016 in Arcata; this charge was dismissed today. In a trial on the animal abuse charge in July 2016, the jury split 7 to 5. Subsequently, several citizens contacted the District Attorney’s Office to provide additional information about the incident and the People set the case for a new trial. Before the date of the new trial, Mr. Cole’s defense attorney declared a doubt as to Mr. Cole’s mental competency and in July 2017 he was transported to Napa State Hospital for treatment, where he remained until June 2018. (Today Mr. Cole waived custody credits for his hospitalization in Napa, so if he violates probation he can be required to

serve up to 180 days in jail.)”

District Attorney Maggie Fleming said that the terms and conditions which could have applied to the dismissed charges were affixed to the vandalism charge to which he did plead guilty.

Cole waived six months of his time served during treatment at Napa State Hospital. If he violates probation, the DA could jail him again to serve out that much time.

“It’s not that we want to incarcerate people with mental health issues,” Fleming said. “We have to be able to say to them, ‘don’t blow it.’”

She said her office will monitor Cole’s compliance with terms of the deal, including his regular attendance at the mental health counseling.

“I think it’s a good resolution,” Fleming said.

Concludes the press release, “The District Attorney’s Office appreciates the citizens who came forward to provide information on Mr. Cole’s actions. Before taking the plea today the D.A.’s Office contacted many of those people, who all agreed that in conjunction with his course of mental health treatment, this plea addresses Mr. Cole’s behavior.”

Sun-blinded driver strikes, injures pedestrian

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – On Thursday, July 18, at about 7:55 p.m., the Arcata Police Department responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian collision at the intersection of Samoa Boulevard and I Street in Arcata.

A 2008 gold Toyota RAV 4 SUV, driven by Roxana Wilkinson of Arcata, was traveling southbound on Samoa Blvd (State Route 255) at or near the speed limit. The vehicle struck Earl Carey, 73, of Arcata, as he was crossing Samoa Boulevard, resulting in major injuries.

This section of southbound Samoa Boulevard faces directly west and Ms. Wilkinson’s vision was impacted by the setting sun which obscured her view of Mr. Carey who was entering the crosswalk on the north side of the street.

Carey was transported to Mercy Medical Center in Redding where he remains in stable condition. Drugs and alcohol are not believed to be a factor in this collision.

The Arcata Police Department is asking anyone who witnessed the collision to please contact the Arcata Police Department at (707)822-2428.

Beware blue-green cyanobacteria

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DHHS

HUMBOLDT – Local Public and Environmental Health officials are warning recreational users of all bodies of fresh water to avoid contact with cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae).

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board in cooperation with the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Mendocino County Environmental Health and Lake County Public Health Division issued a warning to avoid contact with cyanobacteria and algal blooms.

Although commonly referred to as blue-green algae, following the lead of the state, jurisdictions are using the term cyanobacteria as it is not algae, but bacteria.

Typically, cyanobacteria warnings come out between late July and early August, coinciding with low flows and sustained high temperatures in the inland areas which may contribute to cyanobacteria growth in the river.

Human activities have an effect on nutrient and water flows in rivers, streams and lakes. Nutrients found in fertilizers, animal waste and human waste can stimulate blooms. Excessive water diversions can also increase water temperatures and reduce flows. People can take the following measures to prevent algal blooms in our waters:

- Be conservative with the use of water, fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn, garden or agricultural operation.
- Avoid nutrient runoff by recycling any “spent” soil by tilling it back into gardens, or protecting it from rainfall.
- Create shade and filter out nutrients by planting or maintaining native plants around river banks.
- Inspect and pump out septic systems every three to four years.
- Prevent surface water runoff from agricultural and livestock areas.
- Prevent erosion around construction and logging operations.
- Cyanobacteria can be present in any fresh water body. It looks like dark green, blue-green, black, orange or brown scum, foam or mats on the riverbed or floating on the water. Warm water and abundant nutrients can cause cyanobacteria to grow more rapidly than usual causing “blooms.”

These blooms are termed “harmful algal blooms.” Most cyanobacteria does not affect animals or people, however, a small number of cyanobacteria species are capable of producing toxins that can be harm-

ful to animals and humans.

Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water for longer periods of time.

The presence of cyanobacteria has been previously confirmed in some water bodies within Humboldt, Mendocino and Lake counties including the South Fork Eel River, Van Duzen River, Trinity River, Clear Lake and Lake Pillsbury. It is difficult to test and monitor the many lakes and miles of our local rivers. Most blooms in California contain harmless green algae, but it is important to stay safe and avoid contact.

Officials recommend the following guidelines for recreational users of freshwater areas:

- Keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats.
- Adults should also avoid wading and swimming in water containing algal blooms. Try not to swallow or inhale water spray in an algal bloom area.
- If no algal scums or mats are visible, you should still carefully watch young children and warn them not to swallow any water.
- Fish should be consumed only after removing the guts and liver and rinsing fillets in tap water.
- Never drink, cook with or wash dishes with water from rivers, streams or lakes.
- Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet, or livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacteria toxins. Be sure to tell the doctor or veterinarian about possible contact with cyanobacteria or algal blooms.
- Join or support one of the many watershed and river organizations.

To learn more about cyanobacteria and harmful algal blooms, visit mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html.

To learn more about cyanobacteria and algae on the South Fork Eel River, visit eelriverrecovery.org/algae.html.

To report a bloom, e-mail CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov or call (844) 729-6466 (toll free). Blooms can also be reported via the “bloomWatch” app which is available for free download on iTunes or Google play.

For information on conditions occurring within Humboldt County, contact the Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or (800) 963-9241. Photos of suspected blooms can also be emailed to envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us.

APD chief search update

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Last Friday was the initial “deadline” for Police Chief Applications. The recruiting firm is just starting to go through the 20 applicants.

Approximately half the applicants were from within the State of California and the rest from outside the state.

City Manager Karen Diemer said the city hopes to interview the top applicants in August.

“We will initially hold three separate panels,” Diemer said, “a law enforcement/public safety panel, a community panel and a directors panel with a representation from the Police Association.

Diemer said that desired in an APD chief are:

- An individual with a proven passion for community oriented policing
- Who earns the trust and support from the community through communication and transparency
- A mentor to build and lead a multigenerational department that is actively working to reflect the diversity of our City
- A Chief who values staff and the community
- Demonstrates an understanding of the broad inequities facing our communities of color and is committed to fair and impartial policing methods.
- Overall, committed to service and safety in our community.

Interim Police Chief Rick Ehle has been holding the position since early June following Chief Tom Chapman’s resignation in April.

OPINION

Humboldt State: unethical usurpers

The Village project in Arcata will not solve HSU’s problems. Mr. Richmond’s letter suggesting that it is Arcata’s moral and ethical responsibility to pass the project is in direct conflict with the unethical way HSU has secretly tried to usurp valuable property right out from under Arcata’s own needs.

❖ LETTERS

The alternative approach presented by Arcata Citizens for Responsible Housing seems reasonable and allows for the very real possibility that enrollment and the need for student housing is further impacted by online degrees and crippling student debt.

HSU needs to look within to remedy issues like declining enrollment, lack of marketable degrees and overall poor morale. Arcata has done a lot for the students of HSU and there is no doubt that HSU has major positive and challenging effects on this community.

If HSU does indeed need more housing, there is logged-over property for sale directly behind campus that would not create the significant impacts to the community of the current proposed project.

**Uri Driscoll
Manila**

Glad to be able to vote down the statue

As a citizen of Arcata, I am glad the fate of the McKinley statue will be on the ballot in the Nov. 6 election. Then I can include my own voice with those who want the statue removed.

This fall, in the months and weeks before the November election, I will be sending opinion letters to the *Mad River Union* which will express inspiring and persuasive reasons to replace the statue with a gazebo.

**Carman Gentile
Arcata**

R.E.A.C.H. Arcata

Reflect, Arcata!
It’s been a tough year.
A statue, a death...
Buried wounds have reappeared.
E.volve, Arcata!
Local history now unclear.
Will we mend our fractured village?
May peace and grace persevere.
A.waken, Arcata!
Time to switch gears?
Can we still speak with kindness
Or silent smiles of good cheer?
Connect, Arcata!
With our hearts and our ears.
We remain a community
Of common values held dear.
H.eal, Arcata!
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Come, take my hand!
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News Item: Housed townsfolk argue against building housing for homeless students on grounds that Humboldt State had background talks with The Village's planners to help shape project's features.

Trump’s nothingburgers

Because President Trump met one-on-one with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, there is no actual record of their discussions. However, Trump did assure us afterwards that there was a denu-

clearization process in place and we should be able to “sleep well tonight.” But over a month has passed and Trump recently referred to this process by saying, “We have no time limit. We have no speed limit,” a comment which is less than reassuring and belies his previous statement that we could “sleep well tonight.” We now must weigh how much

credence to give to Trump when, if ever, he tells us what he believes he accomplished during his one-on-one meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Personally, based on this and his prior record of bending the truth, I think very little.
**Sherman Schapiro
Blue Lake**

As I began writing this piece there were four more days of sitting Shiva happening in our home. It has been an incredible blessing for me. I have facilitated and been present for many folks at this time, but never been the one to receive this offering. My father’s death was always on the table, this last year. We all knew it could happen at any time, but his will to live and his longevity, truly had us, perhaps, a little fooled.

It’s been hard for my husband and I not to blame ourselves for taking him to the beach on a day that turned cold. It was sunny when we left the house, but by the time we got to Trinidad, the weather was cloudy. Also, it was the once a year fish festival, so everything took a very long time, which really wasn’t good for my father. The excursion to the beach was the equivalent of an aerobic work-out for a man with a weak heart, bound to hasten his heart giving out. I didn’t think this at the time, because my father, even in his slow weakening over the last few months, still seemed so vital and alive. This is not about my guilt, although I have some, which I think is okay. Perhaps he would have died a few days later or we might have had him for a few months more, if I was in charge. I’m not in charge, the Holy One is. My father’s pull date was never truly in my control.

It was a good last day of him being aware and enjoying his family and surroundings. As we were walking by the Seascap restaurant on the pier, my father said, “wouldn’t it be nice to have some French Fries?” I’d been cooking for days to make a Father’s Day Moroccan dinner for my Papa and my husband, and I knew that French fries would eliminate any chance of my father eating that meal. I motioned for my husband to take him down to the pier and indicated that I’d go procure the fries as a surprise for my Papa (papas for Papa).

It took forever, because the restaurant was packed. I’d never ordered fries from this place, but when I finally got them fifteen minutes later they were in a large brown paper sack, that was warm, with grease coming through. Kevin and my father were coming towards me and I handed my chilled



My father on Father's Day, his last awake day, seeing the Pacific Ocean in Trinidad, one of his last wishes SUBMITTED PHOTO

father a hot bag of fries. His face lit up, he put his hand in the bag and encountered warmth and grease and took a bite and was so happy. We all tried some and I have to say, I do not think I have ever had better fries in my entire life. I am never going back to this restaurant because they are seriously dangerous, and I might only ever eat fries again for the rest of my life. Ethan, Kevin, my father and I just kept reaching our hands into the bag. It was truly a never-ending bag of magic delicious ever-warm fries.

We loaded my father back into the car and decided to take the scenic route home, hoping for some sun over the water. This was a bad choice as well, because the road was bumpy, and my dad had to hold onto the handle above his seat to feel secure in some parts and that was effortful, and the sun never came out, so the view was obscured, and it was just a long 20-minute bumpy drive. By the time we got to our home and I got my father in his bed, he was not feeling well and had spiked a fever. This was the first fever he’d had since I took over taking care of him (over 6 months full time care) and

I knew it wasn’t a good sign. Our beloved friend Ana, one of our care-givers, and her boyfriend, had come over for dinner. Originally my father had wanted to meet the boyfriend and give his approval or not! This was not to be. While my sons, husband and our company were eating the meal I’d prepared, I was with my father, trying to get him comfortable. The Humboldt Hospice nurse and I were on the phone a great deal and I got Tylenol into him and started him on .25 ml of morphine every hour for the first time. Ana gave me a short break and I had a quick bowl of soup while she held his hand. Then Issac and Ethan took a turn. I spent that evening giving him doses of morphine every hour or more, but in the morning, he was miserable and uncomfortable and told me he was miserable. At this point the nurse was on her way and I asked him to wait a few more minutes before I upped his morphine dosage. I thought perhaps the nurse would advise me to do something different or more. He agreed to wait, and our regular nurse Tiffany came to our rescue. She wasn’t supposed to be working that Monday, but the Holy One and the Angels must have worked some magic for us, because she happened to have traded shifts with someone, without knowing at the time, we would

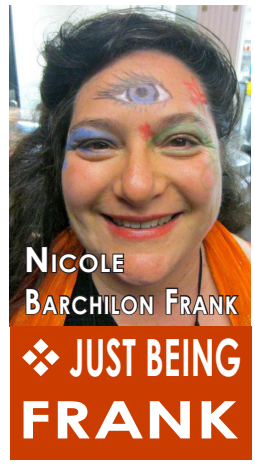
need her so desperately. This was huge for me and my father, because she wasn’t someone he didn’t know. She knew him, us and our situation. She helped me get my father set up better in the bed and told me to increase the amount of morphine from .25ml to .50ml every hour and to let me know if that wasn’t working. It did work and from that point on, my father was not uncomfortable or suffering, that we could tell. She told me to call family and tell them he had a day or a few more hours most likely left. She felt certain that he’d had an episode, and I felt so too, because his hands were shaking a lot and he just never had that happen before. I spoke with my brother in Boulder and told him to come now if he felt he needed to. He and my daughter investigated it, but it was clear things were moving very fast. So, with the help of my sons, we set up the computer by the bed, so he could see them, and they could see him, and my smart technology savvy sons made it possible for



My Papa, Jacques Barchilon, born Jacobo Alberto Cohen, in Casablanca Morocco in 1923. He is pictured here, in his Free French Forces uniform, on the day of his wedding to Judy, the love of his life, at the age of 75. The beautiful woman in the back is his mother Perla Barchilon. The sign translates as "Careful! Mean Dog, Ferocious Master." My father had a bark, but never a bite. SUBMITTED PHOTO

my brother, his partner and my daughter to say goodbye to my father visually. He was still conscious and saw them and could smile but couldn’t talk. He was lucid until his last two hours and could communicate with me via his mouth. I would ask him if he wanted more morphine or water or chocolate (his favorite thing in the world). “Yes,” would be open mouth, “No,” would be closed mouth, and this worked for us. He was hydrated, with dropper-fulls of coconut water or water by me when the small glass I was using, made by my

friend Bryan Raskin of Mirador Glass, no longer worked. I hate plastic and the feel of the smooth glass was soothing for my father. During my long vigil with my father (from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday, early a.m. hours), in the afternoon on Monday, I started getting a Maurice Chevalier song playing in my head. It was from our childhood and the chorus goes: “Paris, je t’aime, je t’aime, je t’aime,” which means, “Paris I love you, I love you, I love you.” Now, Paris is where I was born, where my father had the best times of his life with his beloved wife Judy, may her memory be for a blessing. I changed the lyrics to intersperse, “Papa, je t’aime...” with the Paris part. He loved that and smiled. I told my brother and he found the original record we’d listened to as children and he put that on for my dad, via our technology sharing. My papa loved that. The computer became a hindrance, since I wanted to be holding my father’s hand and he wasn’t really in a visual mode anymore. So, we switched to speaker phone and for the final hours of my father’s life in a body, my brother, his partner and my daughter were present. We all sang to him and cried with him and told him we loved him and would miss him but were ready for him to go. He was lucid until shortly before his dying. I will write more about my father’s final weeks and his coming to a belief in an after-life, after 95 years of avid and strong atheism. This made his leaving, for me, so much easier, because he was finally less afraid and had a scintilla of hope about joining his wife and daughter, my sister Paula. He took his final breaths in the arms of myself and my son Ethan, with our family present for him across many miles via technology that was truly a gift. His final hours a blessing for all of us as he made his final journey. Jacobo Alberto HaCohen, (name at his birth), Jack Lawrence (*nom de guerre* so the Nazis would know he was a Jew, in case he was caught), Jacques Barchilon (American name), Jacov ben Perla v’Haim (Hebrew name) lived 95 full, intense, painful and glorious years from 1923 to 2018, he will be missed. Nicole Barchilon Frank writes from her heart and her home in Bayside, where she is mourning the death of her father, and celebrating being home with her husband and garden, both at the same time.



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Logger Bar artist is Kelsea Ostlund.



Arcata high student Alyssa Camilli with her pastel for the Blue Lake Laundry.



Blue Lake Chamber artist and Blue Lake Coffee Club facilitator Sarah Firestone

PASTELS IN THE PARK The Blue Lake Parks and Recreation Department and the Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce partnered up for the first Pastels in the Park event at Perigot Park on Saturday, July 21. Different businesses and civic groups were invited to sponsor a square and either provide an artist or have one provided for them, and the new walkway that runs through Perigot Park was adorned with the many vibrant colors of sidewalk pastels. Pizza and beer were served, and not only was the weather pleasant, but so was the company. This event was a fundraiser for the Blue Lake Parks and Recreation Department. The department is raising money for a large mural that will adorn the walls of Prash Hall, aka the Blue Lake Skating Rink, and will be completed by one of the parents from the Blue Lake Play Group. The Parks and Rec department is still looking for some donations, as it is estimated that the paint for this project will cost around \$3,000. If anyone would like to donate, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Nathan Sailor at (707) 668-5932.

PHOTOS BY APRIL SOUSA

Fire tax | Costs keep going up, as well as demand for service

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based on what the fire district calls a “unit of benefit.” As a single-family home is deemed to have four units of benefit, an annual tax of \$116 per household would generate roughly \$2 million a year.

The district, which has an annual budget of \$3.45 million, employees 18 career firefighters and four chief officers. The staffing allows the district to have 24/7 coverage at its three stations, with two on duty at the McKinleyville Station, two at the Mad River Station and three at the Arcata Station. That third firefighter can float between the stations depending on absences, thereby keeping a minimum of two firefighters on each engine.

Up until late last year, a \$1 million Federal Emergency Management Agency grant helped pay for six firefighters, but that grant expired. Two of the firefighters got jobs elsewhere and left the district, and one firefighter was terminated.

The district has also experienced rising costs, including gas, insurance and contributions to retirement funds.

Calls for service are also on the rise. McDonald said there were about 150 more calls last year than the year before.

Ironically, what helped the district’s budget were the raging wildfires last year throughout California. AFD responded out of the area with engines and staff and was paid for doing so by CalFire. “We have money in the bank,” said McDonald, referring to the district’s reserve funds.

That cushion is allowing the district to maintain current staffing and keep all its stations open.

However, McDonald said, it’s not a sustainable budget over the long-term. If the district is unable to get a tax passed, it may have to reduce staffing and may have to close a station,

most likely the Mad River Station at 3235 Janes Rd. near Mad River Community Hospital.

AFD Vice President Randy Mendosa said at the July 17 meeting that it’s imperative that all three stations remain open.

“The absolute minimum this district needs is, we need to staff three fire stations,” Mendosa said.

District leaders were initially debating whether to pursue a special tax on the ballots, or to pursue a benefit assessment, in which landowners decide whether to tax themselves.

But firefighter Luke Walker, who explained the pros and cons of the two tax proposals at the July 17 meeting, said that the district’s Strategic Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend pursuing the special tax on Nov. 6 and, if that fails, a benefit assessment in the spring of 2019.

In order for the special tax to pass on Nov. 6, it will need support from more than two-thirds of the voters. Former AFD Chief Desmond Cowan led the effort to try to pass a similar tax in 2015, but it failed to get the required super-majority, with 55.38 percent of

the voters opposing the tax.

An advantage of pursuing the special tax on the November ballot is that it’s relatively inexpensive to do so, with the county charging the district only \$5,000, compared to the \$50,000 it could cost for an off-cycle election, Walker explained. Also, it’s a mid-term election and voter turnout may be higher, which Walker said may help the district obtain the super majority needed.

Some of the disadvantages of the Nov. 6 measure is the short timeline and the campaign to get the tax passed would take place during the fire season.

“It’s poor timing for campaigning because the majority of the boots on the ground that would be going for this campaign would be either committed to fires or working a bunch of overtime,” Walker said. AFD board member Elena David expressed hope that people may have a greater appreciation of the importance of the local fire service given recent events throughout the state.

In October 2017, the Tubbs Fire broke out in Sonoma, Napa and Lake counties. It was the most destructive fire in California history, destroying 5,643 structures.

Walker said that the work that the district will do to get the measure on the November ballot and campaign for it will be useful even if the measure is defeated. If that happens, the district would pursue a benefit assessment in the spring of 2019. Property owners would be mailed ballots and the district would need to get more than 50 percent approval for the assessment.

McDonald said that before trying to pass a benefit assessment, fire district officials would visit with large land owners. Ballots are weighted based on the size and value of properties, so owners of large properties have more say in whether the assessment gets passed.

Also at last week’s meeting, McDonald noted that the district is saving a significant amount of fuel since it began using its pickup trucks to respond to non-fire calls, such as medical aid calls. The district has reduced miles logged on its fire engines by nearly 30 percent. That means the district is burning less diesel fuel.

However, the cost of fuel has gone up and the state enacted a 22-cent-per-gallon tax, so fuel cost were six percent higher than what was budgeted.

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LOVE THAT COUNTRY PIE Westhaven piemakers above include, front row from left, Irene Rapozo, Ilene Poindexter, Becky Woodworth, Greta Sue Box (seated), Erica Ervin and Marie Box. Back row from left are Wayne Birdseye, Charlayne Frame, Greta Daniels, Emmy Lessley, Glenda Howard, Carol Daniels and Traci Hanson. Below, it takes many hands to make pies. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Blackberry Pie!

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

WESTHAVEN – It's the 58th annual Blackberry Festival, a benefit for the Westhaven Fire Department, on Sunday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so plan on getting there early for pie.

Folks in the know drive to Westhaven early and find a parking spot for the festive day of music, crafts and pie. Folks even more in the know bring their ice chests to nab whole pies to take home for later.

The hardworking volunteer bakers of the Westhaven Ladies Club have been meeting every Tuesday since January to roll out the pie crusts and fill them with blackberries, huckleberries, or, new this year, strawberry-rhubarb. The strawberries are locally grown in the Arcata Bottom. All the blackberries and huckleberries are picked locally.

The pies are frozen in the fire hall's giant freezer and baked just before Sunday. This year there were so many pies that Murphy's Market in Trinidad offered their freezer space to help out.

Whether you buy a piece of pie à la mode or a whole pie, you can do so with no guilt about eating sweets because you are supporting the all-volunteer fire department. The festival is their main fundraiser to keep gas in the fire engines, to buy equipment, and to keep the volunteers up to date with training requirements.

The department supports over 800 properties which include 450 homes. In addition they respond to medical calls from Clam Beach north which often can mean car accidents and over-enthusiastic beach cliff climbers.

Westhaven Fire Hall is located on Sixth Avenue in Westhaven. Humboldt Transit buses, which run on Sunday, stop across from the hall. Organizers request that festival goers leave the family dog at home.

Music on the festival stage will include The Sand



Fleas, That Buckin' String Band, The Bret Harte-breakers, Moonstone Heights, and The Rinky Dink String Band. Smokey the Bear is rumored to be attending.

Local beers and wines as well as non-alcoholic beverages will be on sale. This year's offerings will include Blackberry wine made by a winemaker in Hoopa. The fire department will also sell beef brisket sandwiches, hot dogs, veggie dogs and chili.

The Westhaven Ladies Club will also sell jams. Last year the pies sold out early. You have been warned – don't be in that sad group of folks saying, "what? no more pie?"



SAND SCULPTURES Head out to the Samoa Peninsula this Saturday to see spectacular sand creations. Above is 2017's Sand Sculpture Festival "Most Detailed" Award Winner, Team Crag-head with "Heigh Ho...Oh no!" Submitted photo

New venue for Saturday's Sand Sculpture Festival

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES

SAMOA PENINSULA – Now at a new location, the Sand Sculpture Festival is back and will continue to be a fun family event for all ages! This year the festival will take place on Saturday, July 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the northern end of the Samoa Drag Strip.

The event is free for spectators, but a \$1 to \$5 sliding scale donation is encouraged to support Friends of the Dunes and the free education and conservation programs they provide to the public.

Every dollar donated gets you a people's choice flag to vote for your favorite sculpture. To sign-up a team for the competition, visit friendsofthedunes.org, register on-site between 8 and 10 a.m., or contact Friends of the Dunes.

The fee for teams of 6 and fewer is \$15 and \$20 for teams of more than 6. Register in advance for a \$5 discount. The best time to view sculptures is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and awards will be announced shortly after 1 p.m. Cash prizes are awarded to sculptor winners.

Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. For more information or to register your team, please contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or email ashley@friendsofthedunes.org.

PLAYS IN THE PARK

Arcata Recreation Division's Plays in the Park is happy to announce that the North Coast



Repertory Theatre (NCRT) and Theatre Development Project, A DreamMaker Program of the Ink People Center for the Arts are now partnering to co-produce Plays in the Park. All partners are proud to announce upcoming performances for Plays in the Park's presentation of *The Legend of Merlin*. Plays in the Park are live theater performances that take place under the redwoods and the open sky in beautiful Redwood Park, with performances focusing free family shows, opera and the works of Shakespeare. *The Legend of Merlin* is a family-friendly story of identity, tolerance, discovery and dragons written by Humboldt County author Pam Service. The play, directed by Alex Service, will be performed on Sundays July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. All performances will take place at 2 p.m. at the Redwood Park Stage Area in Arcata, and are free and open to the public. For more information on Plays in the Park, visit cityofarcata.org/rec or ncrt.net.

Old Crows at work again in Blue Lake

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – Some towns are blessed with service organizations such as the Elks, the Lions, the Moose, or even the Odd Fellows.

Blue Lake is lucky to have what its members call "a men's service and drinking organization," The Mad River Old Crows.

You may have seen them marching in the Annie and Mary Day Parade recently. They wore spiffy turquoise and black bowling shirts and marched under the wings of an enormous black crow puppet, as they tossed candy to the crowd.

Crows, along with ravens and jays, are members of the Corvid family. They are highly intelligent, have the ability to learn human speech and are noted for using tools.

The Old Crows sure do use tools. Over the years they've built the horse-shoe courts near the gymkhana grounds, painted the fence, the porch, and the party room at Prash Hall, refurbished and reshelled the bocce ball court at Perigot Park, prepped and painted the Mad River Grange building (a big job!), built the Crow Corner bench area and walkway, then landscaped it, and quite impor-

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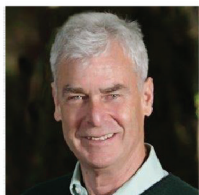
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Busy little Blue Lake

Another sunny day in Blue Lake is another opportunity to come out and experience all we have to offer.

Summer is the best time for Blue Lake, and we have had our share of amazing opportunities with Annie and Mary Day and Humboldt Folklife Festival just a few short weeks ago, and Blue Lake Paint Night at Jewell Distillery and the first Pastel's in the Park just last week!

So, what's coming up this week? I'm so glad you asked!

As we wind down the summer, we have the opportunity to look forward to Lawnstock at Perigot Park. This is the 2nd year that Lawnstock has been held at Perigot Park. Lawnstock is a special benefit for a person or family in need of some assistance.

This year's beneficiary is a 6-year old child named Marcelo Baker who was severely injured in a motor vehicle collision in 2014. Admission is only \$15 (children under 12 are free!) and this gets you in for live music and vendors! Plus, there will be raffles, silent auction, and a possible visit from the Cal-Ore Helicopter!

And just around the corner is the annual Buddy Brown Blues Festival at Perigot Park. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on that, but mark those calendars for Saturday, Aug. 4 to enjoy some homegrown acoustic and electric blues. .

For all the locals, don't forget some of our special and favorite weekly and monthly happenings, like

Coffee Club every week on Fridays from 7 to 10 a.m. and the monthly free produce give away offered in the City Hall parking lot thanks to Food for People and the Blue Lake Community Resource Center on every fourth Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – that means it's coming up this Thursday, July 26. There is also the logger bar open daily from noon to 2 a.m. (and sometimes there is a farmers' market during happy hour on Fridays) as well as Jewell Distillery, home of award winning Gin.

Jewell Distillery is open every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and they are located off Monda Way, which is off of Taylor Way, just a block or so down from the Mad River Brewery. Michael and Barbara are some of my favorite people, and you will definitely have a good time and taste some amazing distilled spirits.

Lastly, I feel the need to put out a little plug for your local elected government. Nominations period is here, and for all local governments who are conducting an election on Nov. 6, the nominations period will run until Aug. 10. The City of Blue Lake has two open seats on the Blue Lake City Council, and already, I've passed out nomination papers to a couple of people who are interested. I hope I get to announce some candidates soon. But if you are not in the city limits of Blue Lake, but are within the nearby sphere of influence, there are a couple other opportunities you may be interested in. Those who are a part of the Blue Lake Fire Protection District are encouraged to be a part of the Board Citizen Advisory Committee, an Ad Hoc committee who's main goal is to look for alternative funding for the district.

If you are interested in this committee, applications are available at City Hall or by contacting Fire Chief Stonebarger at the Blue Lake Fire Department.




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On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

REMODEL OR MOVE?

When your house begins feeling too small or outmoded, you have two options — to remodel or move to a new home. Many homeowners who do extensive remodeling often sell their homes within a few years of completing the work. The decisions you make about your renovation could have a significant impact on whether you can recover your investment when you sell your home.

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Before you decide to take the remodeling plunge, you should consider whether expensive improvements will over-improve your home. If you are inclined to make an investment in your home that far exceeds the selling price of other homes in the area, it may be better to sell your present home and buy one that corresponds to your needs.

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Crows | Plans for a wood-fired pizza oven

❖ FROM B1

tantly, installed and still maintain dog-doo bag and collection stations around the town.

One member heroically empties the waste and restocks the bags.

“The Chamber of Commerce paid for the stations and buys the bags,” Old Crow Marvin Samuels said, “but the Crows put it up. Having those around town seems to be making people more cognizant of picking it

up. I tell people, ‘There’s no poop fairy.’”

Need volunteers for set up and clean up at events? Call the Old Crows.

Their latest project is to build a wood-fired pizza oven in the back yard behind the Grange. Since the closing of Stardough’s this could fill a serious gap in the town’s culinary offerings. They are holding an event on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at the Mad River Taproom from 5 to 8:30 p.m. to raise money for it. There will be drawings for local art and merchandise, a 50/50 raffle, and free music by LaPatinas from 6 to 8 p.m. LaPatinas front man, Jeff DeMark, is also an Old Crow. For every beer sold, the Mad River Brewery will

donate one dollar to the cause.

The Crows have fun too. The last Monday of the month is bowling night and they have gone on some great day hikes.

“In the wintertime we do darts at Bart’s (house),” Vaughn Hutchins said. “In the summertime we do horseshoes.”

Hutchins moved to Blue Lake “three years ago and it was like having an instant social network.”

The Old Crows was formed in February 2013. Their underlying rule is: “We function on a no guilt/no obligation basis.” They call their regular meetings “murders” after the collective noun for a group of crows. They are scrupulous about alternating murders between the two watering holes in town.

Members are active civically too. Three members are on the Planning Commission, one is the Parks & Recreation director, and

another is president of the Blue Lake Chamber.

They have so many good ideas that they’ve had to make a rule.

“We had to pass a rule that if you wanted to do a project, you had to lead it,” Hutchins said.

It can’t just be “someone said it would be good if...” Bob Chapman, another member, explained.

After all, their flyer says, “We strive to enhance the quality of life for all creatures (including humans).” That explains their ongoing support for wetlands preservation and clean-ups of the Mad River in conjunction with the Mad River Alliance. They’ve even dreamt of bringing the lake back to Blue Lake but easements pose a problem. Who knows, the waters may rise again. The group is indomitable.

Still, as Samuels says, it’s all about “connection”

Chapman echoes that thought, saying, “I think the best thing we do is when we meet at someone’s house. It’s nice to go over to somebody’s house and let your hair down.”

So come out, dance and let your hair down on Aug 1. Who doesn’t want to support pizza?

The Mad River Taproom is located at 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake.

Slide on over to Bayside for breakfast & trombones



RAISE THE ROOF Co-chairs for the Bayside Community Hall’s 2018 Fund Drive., from left, Board of Directors President Maggie Gainer, long-time volunteer and supporter, Bill Thompson, and Third District Supervisor Mike Wilson. They were on hand for this opening event of the Hall’s Fund Drive. With a \$60,000 goal, the six-month drive will support several projects in the historic community center, most importantly, a new roof and a major kitchen upgrade.

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BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HALL
BAYSIDE – Bring the family to Breakfast in Bayside on Sunday, July 29, between 8 a.m. to noon at the Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd.

This gourmet breakfast features sourdough multi-grain pancakes, chicken apple sausage, scrambled eggs, scrambled tofu, yogurt, fruit of the season, organic coffee, teas, milk, orange juice, hot chocolate, and Mad River Farm jams and local sauces. This healthy breakfast fare combines with live music, and lively conversation for an entertaining morning. Mimosas are available for purchase for those who are 21 and older with ID.

The lively entertainment will be provided by Trombones @4. Trombones @4 gathers together four of the finest proponents of the tenor voice of the brass instrument family in Humboldt County in a glorious manifestation of brass expression.

While it may seem odd to find four of these out on their own without the Brass Band, Symphonic or

jazz Orchestras that would otherwise surround them in their natural setting there has been a substantial body of work written for a quartet of trombones and Trombones @4 has dedicated themselves to exploring it all from the Renaissance music of G. Gabrieli to arrangements of popular music favorites and everything in between. Not content with the offerings to be found on the commercial market, Trombones @4 have also been actively commissioning new music.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$8 for a full portion and \$5 for smaller portions for kids 2 to 12 and seniors 65 to 80 (under 2 and over 80 are free). Join the Bayside Breakfast Club and receive six breakfasts for the price of five. Diners who walk or ride a bicycle to the breakfast will be awarded a free serving of real maple syrup or organic blueberry syrup.

For information about the breakfast call (707) 822-9998, email baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com, visit facebook.com/baysidecommunityhall or go to baysidecommunityhall.org.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

McKinleyville Parks & Recreation in partnership with the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce invites you to come out to their Pierson Park Summer Block Party evening this Thursday, July 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This Thursday’s band is Lonestar Junction. Bring your family and friends out

for a fun evening listening to live music and playing good old fashioned lawn games at Pierson Park.

RIVER WHYLESS AT HUM-BREWS

North Carolina folk rockers River Whyless will appear at HumBrews in Arcata on Tuesday, Aug. 7 as part of a national summer tour in support

of their newly released album “Kindness, A Rebel.” A critic for National Public Radio recently praised the four-member band from Ashville, saying “there are hints of Paul Simon in their inflections and poetic phrasing, and their songs feel fresh and nicely crafted,” while a review for the Associated Press stated

that the band is “blending American and international influences into a dreamy, spiritual mixture.” The show begins at 9 p.m., and tickets are \$15 at the door, or may be purchased by visiting humbrews.com. HumBrews is located at 856 10th St. in Arcata. For more information, call (707) 826-BREW.

Three seats up for grabs on Trinidad City Council

The Annual Westhaven Blackberry Festival will take place Sunday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 446 Sixth Ave. near Westhaven Drive at the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department grounds. Coordinator Stacie Marshall reports that the Westhaven Ladies Club and WVFD volunteers have baked over 1,000 pies to be offered by the slice or whole. (See article on B1.

Lions Club Breakfast Sunday

Newly installed Lions Club Secretary Amanda Nelson announces the Lions Club Breakfast on Sunday, July 29 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Trinidad School Cafeteria at 300 Trinity St.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, ham or biscuits and gravy and eggs. Orange juice and a hot beverage is included in the breakfast price of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Friendly Lions hold the monthly book sale through the morning. Hardback books are \$1; paperback ones 50 cents and children’s books are 25 cents. The next Lions Club Breakfast is set for August 26.

Trinidad City Council meets July 25

The city budget, parking and cell tower negotiations are among the Trinidad City Council agenda items for the regular meeting today, July 25 at 6 p.m.

In other city news, three City Council seats are up for nominations and full time city employment positions are posted. For details, see City Clerk Gabriel Adams at the



Town Hall on Trinity Street or call (707) 677-0223. You can receive regular city business notifications by sending a request to cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov.

Dave Fleschner at Moonstone Crossing

Portland jazz and blues pianist will perform at Moonstone Crossing Winery, 529-B Trinity St., from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 27. Visiting vocalist Billy Mixer will join the show.

Ladies Fine Arts Salon on Aug. 3

Inner Center Fine Arts Co-Director Donna Haddock will present a Ladies Fine Arts Salon on Friday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m.

This month’s topic is “The Sustaining Fine Arts.” A tax deductible donation of \$10 is suggested. Light refreshments available. Call (707) 496-5350 for reservations and venue directions. Go to icfineartsin.org for more information on ICFA.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse open Aug. 4

Trinidad’s 1871 Lighthouse on Trinidad Head will be open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Bureau of Land Management and Trinidad Museum docents are available to give lighthouse tours and answer questions about lighthouse history. Park at the bottom of Trinidad Head and walk up the black-top road to the lighthouse. Pedestrian access only.

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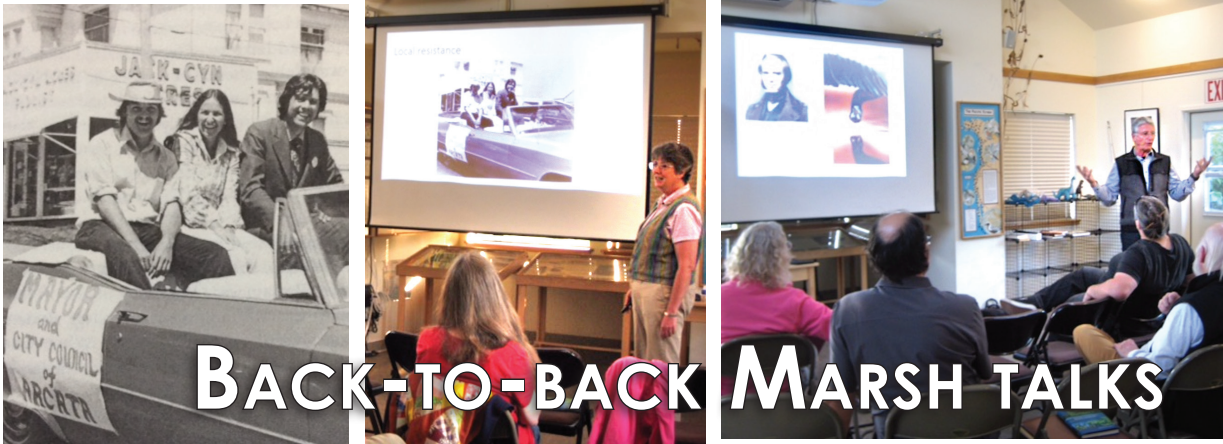
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AMIC-ABLE The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (AMIC) hosted a book signing and back-to-back lectures last Friday night, Friday, July 20 sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh. First, Sharon Levy (above middle), author of *The Marsh Builders*, offered a presentation titled “Arcata Marsh: Roots and Shoots.” Among those highlighted in the talk were great Arcatans who still walk among us – former City Councilmembers Wes Chesbro, Alex Stillman and Dan Hauser (left) Next, Elliot Dabill, FOAM president and retired high school science teacher (right) spoke to AMIC-goers on “The Origins of Birds,” examining the fossil record from the dinosaur ancestors of avians. PHOTOS COURTESY MOONLIGHT MACUMBER



A NEW DAY YAKSTERDAY Sam and Tom, the well-known “Yaksmen” from a few years ago, are back in the Arcata Community Forest... or maybe they never left. Anyway, their herd has changed a bit to include one less yak but an added goat and cow – and a newly sun-dappled disposition. Encountered at the nexus of Trails 13 and 13.5, the forest dwellers kindly offered a passerby some fresh milk and followed up with friendly conversation. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sammie and Dozer are ready to be sweet, sprightly partners

Redwood Pals Rescue is very dependent on our foster network. We don't have a physical facility where we can keep dogs, though the shelter is always generous in allowing us some time to find placements for the dogs when

space allows. Sometimes our dogs go to foster homes where the people waiver about fostering or adopting. Our rescue dog Raider, aka Sammie, has been in that position. He left the shelter in March and has been in a home since then.

His foster loves him and has been at the brink of adoption several times since then, but has finally decided that work and school plans will not allow her to give Sammie the attention that he deserves.

We are now looking for a new placement for him. Ideally we would like him to find a permanent home so that he will not be uprooted again, but a good foster placement would work for

the interim if that is what is available. Sammie was best friends with a female dog at the shelter and they would happily play and chase for hours when they had the chance.

He has been pickier about his male friends, though he initially left with a young male about his same size and they hit it off right away. He may just need a little more training in doggie socialization.

Sammie is a medium-sized male border collie mix, about a year-and-a-half old. He is very affectionate and loves to snuggle up with his humans. He is housebroken and has been well behaved in the apartment while his foster was at work.



Raider (Sammie)

Sammie likes his toy collection and is playful. Sammie knows sit, down and stay and has recall that is good enough for him to be off leash at the beach. He is a smart and willing dog that just wants his people to be happy with him.

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same size and they hit it off right away. He may just need a little more training in doggie socialization.

Redwood Pals works with a trainer and tries to arrange an initial session in the home so that dogs and adopters have the tools in hand for a successful match.



Dozer

Sammie is neutered and current on is vaccinations. If you would like to meet him, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.

At the shelter we have a big gentle fellow in Dozer. Volunteers have been very taken by Dozer, who is a surprisingly easy walk for a dog his size.

He can walk past the

other kennels without the slightest reaction, not always an easy thing to do when everyone is barking for their turn to go out.

Dozer does not pull on the leash and stays close to his handler. Volunteers describe him as stoic and dignified, but also quite affectionate.

Dozer enjoys being petted and brushed. He could stand to slim down a bit, but is in good health and would make a great jogging partner. If you are looking for a big gentle buddy, who might look a little intimidating, this is your guy!

Dozer is about five years old and is a fawn colored Pit Bull Terrier mix. He is neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations.

Dozer is available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, near the airport.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday and more information is available at (707) 840-9132.

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GUERRILLA SKEPTICS

On Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Blondie's Food and Drink in Arcata, Susan Gerbic will explain why the answer is to join her project, **Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia (GSoW)**. She will explain why improving the pages for Science and Scientific Skepticism on the 10th most popular website improves education worldwide.

GSoW works to support the people and organizations that do the research, write the books, organize the conferences and take the heat from the anti-science and paranormal world. GSoW gives them the best possible Wikipedia pages possible, while following all the rules of Wikipedia, in all languages possible.

The GSoW has written and rewritten hundreds of Wikipedia pages, including Spontaneous Human Combustion, Facilitated Communication, Steven Novella, Harriet Hall, Thomas Bopp, Jerry Andras, Ray Hyman, The Blue Whale game, Baby Train, Choking Doberman and many more.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCY

A vacancy on the five-member Governing Board of the McKinleyville Union School District, which includes Dow's Prairie Elementary, Morris Elementary, and McKinleyville Middle Schools, has been announced. Applications for the open seat on the Governing Board will be available at the District Office, 2275 Central Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or online at: <https://sites.google.com/a/mckusd.org/mckinleyville-union-school-district/board-vacancy-information>

Applications will be received at the District Office until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Interested persons who are at least eighteen years old, live within the boundaries of the McKinleyville Union School District, and are registered voters are welcome to apply for the existing vacancies. All applications become public record upon receipt by the district.

1st sentence - Candidates will be interviewed in open session by the current members of the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

A provisional appointment will be made to serve until the next regularly scheduled election for McKinleyville District Board members in November 2018.

Questions regarding the appointment can be directed to Jan Schmidt, District Superintendent, at 839-1549.

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